

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

Gloria Jean Edwards,	)	
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Plaintiff,	)	Civil Action No. 3:12-693RMG
	)	
vs.	)	
	)	
Carolyn D. Colvin, Commissioner	)	
of Social Security,	)	
	)	<b>ORDER</b>
Defendant.	)	
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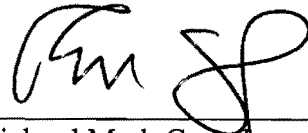
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This matter comes before the Court on Plaintiff's motion for approval of attorney's fees under 42 U.S.C. § 406(b). (Dkt. No. 39). Plaintiff has informed the Court that she was ultimately awarded Social Security disability benefits as a result of this present action that would entitle her under to a 25% contingency fee of \$18,194.00. (Dkt. No. 39-1 at 3). Plaintiff has attached to this motion an executed attorney fee agreement providing for payment of a contingency fee of 25% of the any back benefits award. (Dkt. No. 39-2). Counsel for Plaintiff has further informed the Court that this award is subject to offset from a previous award under the Equal Access to Justice Act ("EAJA") of \$6,031.44. (Dkt. No. 37). The Defendant has advised the Court that she does not oppose the approval of Plaintiff's attorney fee under § 406(b). (Dkt. No. 40).

The Court has reviewed the Plaintiff's motion in light of the standards set forth in *Grisbrecht v. Barnhart*, 535 U.S. 789, 808 (2002). The Court finds that pursuant to the *Grisbrecht* standards the proposed fee is reasonable and grants the Plaintiff's motion to approve

the fee in the amount of \$18,194.00. Since Plaintiff is entitled to an offset for previously awarded EAJA fees, Plaintiff's counsel is directed that upon receipt of the fee award approved herein to refund to Plaintiff \$6,031.44.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. M. Gergel', is written over a horizontal line.

Richard Mark Gergel  
United States District Judge

January 9, 2015  
Charleston, South Carolina